

## **Indian Gaming Tradeshow & Convention Announces Education Advisory Board**

Diverse group to oversee content and development of over 70 sessions educating all facets of tribal gaming at San Diego tradeshow & convention

**WASHINGTON, DC - (December 21, 2016)** - The National Indian Gaming Tradeshow & Convention, the industry's largest gathering of global tribal gaming professionals, announced the prestigious Advisory Board members and a preview of the education program tracks. The conference and tradeshow returns to the San Diego Convention Center April 10-13, 2017.

"The program places the future growth of Indian gaming at the very heart of all of its content, which will be reflected through the educational offerings", said Ernie Stevens, Jr., Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association. "As the meeting place for tribal gaming professionals from across the country, our 2017 conference will include emerging, innovative and thought-provoking strategies geared toward growth in casino revenue and insight needed to navigate the gaming industry landscape; and I extend a thank you to our Conference Advisory Board for its thoughtfully curated offerings."

The National Indian Gaming Tradeshow & Convention Advisory Board is comprised of a diverse group of acclaimed gaming industry pacesetters derived from some of the nation's leading gaming publishers, tribal leaders, regulators, associations and equipment manufacturers. The members listed below help shape the unique quality and direction of the conference offerings that can't be found anywhere else.

Victor Rocha, Owner & Editor, Pechanga.net & President, Victor-Strategies (Conference Chair)

Wendy Anderson, Chief of Staff, BMM Test Labs

Steve Burke, Publisher, Indian Gaming Magazine

Sharon House, Attorney, State Bar of Wisconsin and member of the Oneida Nation of WI

Jim Klas, Founder & Principal, KlasRobinson Q.E.D., Inc.

Frank Pracukowski, Consultant, iGaming Capital

Marcus Prater, Executive Director, AGEM

Dan Savage, Chief Administrator Officer, Scientific Games Corporation

Kate Spilde, Associate Professor, School of Hospitality and Tourism Management,

Endowed Chair, Sycuan Institute on Tribal Gaming

Dana Reynolds, Director, Marketing & Communications, Aristocrat Technologies, Inc.

Russell Witt, Director of Class II Operations and Business Development, Ainsworth Game Technology (Associate Member Representative)

Jodi DiLascio, Director Tribal Gaming, BMM Testlabs (Associate Member Representative)

"With the theme '184 Nations Come Together', the 2017 Convention & Tradeshow will unite the Indian gaming community to share ideas, celebrate self-reliance and strengthen the industry. This year's program has been designed to be an inclusive learning opportunity for every role and level of experience in the tribal gaming community across the country," added Stevens.

The 2017 program will take place Monday, April 10 - Tuesday, April 11th and highlighted tracks include:

Casino Operations	Leadership & Development	Marketing
Legislative/Policy	Human Resources & Management	Security & Surveillance
Regulation & Compliance	Enterprise Development	Women in Tribal Gaming
iGaming & Fantasy Sports	Tribal Gaming Protection Network	National Indian Gaming Comm.
Finance	Cannabis Policy	Information Technology

The entire program can viewed here:

<http://www.indiangamingtradeshow.com/953/indian-gaming-tradeshow-conference-tracks.htm>

Registration is now open and attendees who register before **February 20th will receive our early bird package pricing.** We encourage all teams to review our Group Registration Packages which are designed to maximize learning opportunities across teams. To learn more about all our registration packages and or to add (the) conference to your existing registration package visit [www.indiangamingtradeshow.com](http://www.indiangamingtradeshow.com)

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#### **About NIGA**

The National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA), established in 1985, is a non-profit organization of 184 Indian Nations with other non-voting associate members representing organizations and businesses engaged in Tribal Gaming. The common commitment and purpose of NIGA is to advance the lives of Indian peoples economically, socially and politically. NIGA operates as a clearinghouse and educational, legislative and public policy resource for tribes, policymakers and the public on Indian gaming issues and tribal community development. For more information, visit [www.indiangaming.org](http://www.indiangaming.org)

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